

CARLOAD OF ALE SHIPPED AS "GREASED WOOL" DUMPED INTO NIAGARA RIVER

A despatch from Buffalo says:—A full freight-car load of ale from London, Ont., was dumped into the Niagara River, on order from Fred A. Bradley, Collector of Customs. The ale was seized at Black Rock by Federal agents.

The Customs had been informed that a carload of "greased wool," consigned from Chicago to Newark, travelling in bond through Canada, would be found to be more liquid than grease, and more glass than wool.

Several cars were inspected at the United States end of the International Bridge. The seals on the "greased" car were found to be in perfect condition.

ROYAL BABY MAY ASCEND THRONE

Daughter of Duke and Duchess of York is Third in Line of Succession.

A despatch from London says:—All day long there was a procession of distinguished visitors and messengers coming and going from the Bruton Street home of the Earl of Strathmore, where the Duchess of York, on April 21st, gave birth to her first daughter.

Announcement of the birth thrilled thousands of British subjects almost as much as it did the Royal family and nearly pushed cricket and the coal crisis out of the news.

For this is a very important baby, more important than the King's two other grandchildren, the sons of Princess Mary. One day, the child may be Queen of England, as she is third in the line of succession.

Should the Prince of Wales have no direct heir, should the Duke and Duchess of York never have a son, and should the daughter outlive King George, the Prince of Wales and her father, she would become by the Grace of God Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British dominions beyond the seas, and Empress of India. Also history would be repeating itself, for Queen Victoria came to the throne under just such circumstances. Victoria's father was dead, and although two younger sons of George III. were living, the crown passed to her.

As it is, the new baby is the fourth lady of the land, ranking in social precedence only behind Queen Mary, Princess Mary and the Duchess of York.

Oshawa Man Injured at Ottawa Station

A despatch from Ottawa says:—George Metcalfe of Oshawa, one of the members of the delegation which came to Ottawa to protest to the Government against the proposed tariff decrease on automobiles, met with a serious accident here. Hurrying to catch one of the homeward-bound special trains, he slipped on the Central Station steps and fell down a half-flight of marble stairs. He was unconscious when picked up, and was rushed to the hospital with a serious gash over the right temple.

Woman Trapped by Fire Saved by Her Children

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Trapped by flames which prevented her from escaping by the rear door of her home here, Mrs. E. L. Dawson was saved from a horrible death by her children, who were playing in the yard. Hearing her cries for help, they succeeded in tearing off a storm door which was nailed from the outside and which prevented escape by means of the front door. An overheated kitchen stove started the blaze. The house and all its contents were destroyed at a loss of \$2,500.

Easter Near April 1 Hurts French Firms

French confectioners have a grievance against the calendar, and earnestly hope the League of Nations amends it so that Easter Sunday never falls so near the first of April as this year.



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tion, indicating that the car had been bonded at Detroit. The bills of lading apparently were flawless, but when the car was opened it was found to be filled with bottled ale in cases.

Falsification of bills of lading and the affixing of Customs seals, so that a shipment of contraband originating in Canada, would cross the border as a shipment of ordinary merchandise, in bond from Detroit to some other U.S. point, is the worst smuggling evil with which the Customs have had to contend, they said. Several months ago there was a threat from Washington that the bonding privilege would be abrogated.

MEN IN ROWBOAT HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Caught in Ice Floes in Niagara River But Manage to Reach Shore.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says:—Niagara Falls, N.Y., firemen were called out to the rescue of three men in a rowboat who were caught in the ice-floes near the United States shore. The boat was carried rapidly down stream before the men succeeded in getting it clear of the ice. The identity of the men was not ascertained.

The men were first noticed by some fishermen. They battled with pikes and poles to free the craft, without avail. It was soon surrounded by floes and being carried down toward the upper river and the falls. Lassale, N.Y., boatmen tried to get to the boat, but were compelled to put into shore when their own boats were menaced by the ice.

The police and firemen were called out but the men were able to steer into shore before the more dangerous part of the rapids was reached.



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MACPHAIL AWARDED PRIZE FOR HISTORY

Other Winners of David Awards Are Announced at Montreal

A despatch from Montreal says:—David prize-winners for this year were announced on Friday by the donor of the \$5,000 prize, Hon. L. O. David, which is distributed annually among the best English and French essays produced in the Province of Quebec.

The winners announced by the judges were:

General—Sir Andrew MacPhail, "History of Canadian Forces, 1914-18; Medical Services," \$700; Laurier Barbeau, "Indian Days in the Canadian Rockies," \$300; Helen A. William, "Spinning Wheel and Homespun," \$300; Mary A. Weegan, "Wayside Crosses," \$100.

Social Science—"The Social Problem," Arthur St. Pierre, \$500.

History and Geography—"Gaspeia in the Sun," I. A. Bernard, \$800. A study of language—"Zigzag," L. P. Geoffrion, \$500.

Poetry—"Across the Winds," Robert Choquette, \$500.

Novels—"Reminiscences of a Reporter," Paul de Montigny, \$500; "The Living Land," Harry Bernard, \$500.



Charles G. Fraser

Leading Toronto educationist and principal for the past 20 years of Manning Avenue public school, in whose honor the institution is to be re-named. He will thus have the unique experience of heading a school bearing his own name.

POULTRY CONGRESS TO MEET IN OTTAWA

Over 5,000 Delegates Expected in Capital at 1927 Meeting.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The World's Poultry Congress of 1927 is assured for Ottawa, F. C. Elford, Dominion Poultry Commissioner, announced.

Forty countries will be represented at the Congress, which will last from July 27 to August 4. It will be the biggest thing of its kind ever held in the Dominion. It is expected there will be from 5,000 to 6,000 accredited delegates, so that with friends accompanying them, there will probably be an influx of 10,000 visitors to Ottawa and the Dominion. Arrangements are being made with the two big lines, the C.N.R. and C.P.R., for Dominion-wide tours for the delegates.

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SOUND OF HUMAN VOICE CROSSES ATLANTIC IN ONE-SIXTIETH OF SECOND

New York, April 25.—Did you know that New York can now talk to London more quickly by radio telephone than to San Francisco by wire telephone?

And also that, whereas wire telephones have seldom been exempt from tappers and listeners-in, the radio speech may be automatically scrambled or "ciphered" so as to remain a meaningless jumble of sounds to anybody not equipped with a key-receiver, adjusted like the combination of a safe?

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MONSTER DELEGATION PROTESTS TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST DUTY ON AUTOS

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Three thousand orderly, good-humored but earnest people from Central and Western Ontario, comprising the largest delegation that has ever come here to interview a Federal Government arrived Friday morning by six special trains to protest to the King Administration against the proposed reduction of 15 per cent. in the duty on low-priced automobiles, and to urge the reference of this matter to the Advisory Tariff Board before any action is taken.

At three different meeting places—first, in a local theatre, where the entire delegation met; then in the Railway Committee Room, where only 500 could get admittance, and finally under a warm summer sun in front of the Parliament Building—they were told by the Dominion Government that whether or not this tariff reduction would become effective would be determined.

SIX OCEAN STEAMERS ARRIVE AT QUEBEC

Navigation on St. Lawrence Opens With Landing of 5,664 Passengers.

Quebec, April 25.—Navigation opened on the St. Lawrence to-day with the arrival of six passenger steamers in the port of Quebec, forming the largest movement of this character yet experienced at the beginning of the season, and also establishing a record for the number of passengers making this port in one day. Of the total of 5,664 passengers of all classes reaching Quebec, two-thirds were moved from the piers in special trains of the Canadian National Railway for their various destinations, chiefly in the West.

The honor of being the first steamer to make port and tie up to the Aurora, of the Cunard Line, and Captain Townley will have the pleasure of receiving a silk topper from the Harbor Commission in recognition of his performance. It is the first time the honor has fallen to a passenger steamer, and it is further notable inasmuch as the trip just completed is the first passenger command in the St. Lawrence for Captain Townley.

Of nearly 5,000 passengers traveling by third-class and, therefore, largely newcomers seeking homes in various parts of Canada, the majority were British. In the total England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland were well represented.

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Mr. Frederickson suffered a broken pelvis bone, a 12-year-old son a broken shoulder, while the mother and two other children were badly cut and bruised.

Montreal City Council Adopts Daylight Saving

A despatch from Montreal says:—By a vote of 21 to 13, the City Council decided to adopt daylight saving. All municipal clocks will be advanced one hour from May 2 to September 26.

Stock of Canadian Wheat Now 80,000,000 Bushels

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—Local exporters' agents on this exchange estimate that Canada has but 80,000,000 bushels of wheat that can be calculated on to satisfy commitments not yet arranged for. Reports to these agencies that Europe must purchase some 12,000,000 bushels to take care of normal demands has provoked surprise in view of the low stocks unpledged in Canada to-day.

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